[Prof. Prem Singh Chandumajra]

statement in the Rajya Sabha we would import wheat. But the imported wheat has been stored.

MR. CHAIRMAN : What do you want to say to the Government ?

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA : Sir, I would like to know whether the Government is ready to pay that much to the farmers of Punjab and Haryana which they have paid to the foreign agencies for importing wheat. If Rs. 100 per quintal is not given as bonus to the farmers, as promised by the Finance Minister in the Budget speech, the farmers will not sell wheat to the Central Pool. Therefore, my request to the Government is that steps should be taken in this direction.

VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI (Kota) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, after two days there is holi festival. The Food Corporation of India had to supply wheat in the open market to Rajasthan but it has not so far reached the market there. The price of wheat, maida and suji has increased by Rs. 100 per quintal. Last week the price of wheat in Rajasthan was Rs. 700 per quintal but today it is Rs. 850 per quintal. Similarly, the price of maida has increased by Rs. 100 per quintal whereas the holi festival is round the corner.

I demand from the Central Government that the share of Rajasthan which the FCI has to supply should be released early because the traders have deposited Rs. 5 crores in cash with the FCI for this purpose. I urge that wheat should be supplied immediately in the open market before the holi festival otherwise the consumers would suffer a lot.

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly) : Lot of injustice is being done to the students of the Rohelkhand University in U.P. The students who had been awarded Bachelor's degree from the Indira Gandhi National Open University are not being admitted to this University and their admission forms are being cancelled. This is inspite of the fact that all degrees and diplomas of IGNOU are treated at par with the other recognised Central and State universities of the country.

I would like to point out that IGNOU was set up with the main aim of providing and promoting informal education under the new education policy. All the degrees and diplomas of IGNOU are at par with other universities in the country. There is clear instructions in this regard from the UGC and the Human Resource Development Ministry has also issued a notification in this regard. Inspite of these instructions it is strange that Rohelkhand University is not allowing the holders of degrees of IGNOU in the examination and their forms are being cancelled.

MR. CHAIRMAN : What do not want to say exactly?

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : I want the HRD Minister to intervene so that the forms of these students are not cancelled and their future is not bleak *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : If you want to speak please submit hurriedly.

SHRI MAHAVIR LAL BISHVAKARMA (Hazaribagh) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the teacher of minority schools are not getting salaries for the last 8 months as a result of which they are facing a lot of difficulties. When the education in the country was brought under one umbrella and nationalised these minority schools were not nationalised.

MR. CHAIRMAN : This is a state subject you cannot raise it here.

SHRI MAHAVIR LAL BISHVAKARMA : The Government gives aid to these schools, therefore I want to submit that these teachers should be provided salaries at the earliest.

[English]

PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS (Jalpaiguri) : I would like to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that the telephone connections in the Jamaulla Sub-Division in Mekliganj area of Coochbehar district of West Bengal have been remaining non-operative since long it is a very important area. There are so many schools and colleges, Panchayat Offices and other Government offices. So, the telephone connection there should be restored immediately.

I urge upon the Government to take necessary action so that the telephone connection in Jamaulla Sub-Division in Makliganj area of Coochbehar district is restored.

SHRI CHHATRAPAL SINGH (Bulandshahr) : Sir, I want to draw the attention of the Government to the prevalent corruption resentment and chaos in the telephones department. In our area almost all the telephones are lying out of order. In most of the big cities in my district the telephone remains for weeks together. The business has come to a standstill because telephones are not functioning properly. Besides the entire telephone